



WHEREAS, Rockville is preparing up to celebrate its Sesquicentennial - 150th anniversary - during which, City staff, historians and longtime residents and business owners will share their stories, teach the history and bring together all who make up Rockville today; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville, incorporated as a city on March 10, 1860, will mark its sesquicentennial anniversary on March 10, 2010, accompanied by celebrations and events that will honor the rich history and heritage of our City; and

WHEREAS, Rockville has grown considerably from the community of farmers and shop owners it was in the 19th century, to the bedroom community post WWII, to its own preeminence as a national center of the biotechnology industry; and

WHEREAS, despite the burgeoning growth from a sleepy hamlet to a nationally recognized place to live, Rockville has worked to maintain its sense of community with vibrant neighborhoods, making it one of the best places in the country to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Rockville, and visitors to the area, are invited to participate in the related events of this sesquicentennial year of celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville congratulate the many individuals, businesses, and organizations that have contributed to our City's state of well-being, and call upon them to plan and participate in events and activities associated with the 150th anniversary.

IT IS, THEREFORE, proclaimed that throughout this Sesquicentennial Year of 2010, the City of Rockville shall celebrate its 150th year of establishment.

Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor

John B. Britton, Councilmember

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